Act, 1948, the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948, the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 are applicable to powerlooms and their employees are entitled to the benefit of minimum wages, provident fund, gratuity etc. subject to the conditions specified in the respective Acts.

(c) Does not arise.

Transfer of press pool accommodation to general pool

1756. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Government Quarters were transferred by the Directorate of Estates in the year 1975 to Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi for their separate Pool;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one Quarter No. D-822 (T. III) DIZ Area, Mandir Marg, New Delhi was recently transferred to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi without the written consent of the Press Authorities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is latest position of the said quarter and what action Government propose to take against the erring officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The action to transfer the quarter No. D-822 Mandir Marg to Dr. R.M.L. Hospital was taken by the Directorate of Estates on receipt of intimation of Vacancy from CPWD Enquiry Office on the presumption that the quarter fell in General pool. The quarter was also simultaneously allotted to an employee of Govt. of India Press, Minto Road by the Govt. of India Press from the Press Pool. After realising that the house belonged to the Press Pool, the allottee from the Government of India Press was allowed to occupy the house. As such, the question of taking action against any of the officer of the Directorate of Estates do not arise, since it was a bonafied mistake.

New intra-urban projects and suburban Railway projects in Bombay

1757. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have stopped taking up new intra-urban projects and suburban Railway projects in the city of Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Some works to augment the capacity of the existing suburban system in Bombay and construction of a new suburban line to connect New Bombay are already in progress.

Ministry of Urban Development has since been designated as the nodal Ministry for general Planning and coordinating the development of urban transportation and therefore future projects for construction of new corridors would be processed by that Ministry.

Ban on Cow Slaughter

1758. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3627 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th September, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have since collected the information regarding (i) issuance of direction to the State Governments to enact legislation for imposition of total ban on slaughter of cows and its progeny (ii) the names of the States which have enacted legislation